

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Further consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's advisory action of December 1, 2010, did not enter the amendment after final proffered on November 15, 2010, because of "new issues" which the Examiner found by requested amendments to claims 1, 16 and 23.

The above requested amendment includes further amendments from those previously requested. In particular, it will be noted that independent claims 1, 16, 23 and 24 have been amended further in an effort to make it clear that the peer components evaluate status data from themselves as well as from other respective peer components and issue selected initialization instructions possibly to themselves. It is hoped that these further clarifications will assist the Examiner in understanding even better the distinguishing comments submitted on November 15, 2010, and the deficiencies of the cited prior art.

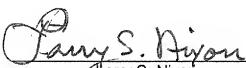
The Examiner's attention is also drawn to new dependent claims 25 and 26 that require the status data for parent claims 1 and 24, respectively, to be fault-related.

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Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition,  
and a formal notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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